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11. (C) Ministry of Trade Official Juan Guillermo Castro, strictly protect, described the GOC's World Trade Organization (WTO) environmental goods and services position as once not settled and "in the middle" of the U.S. and Brazilian proposals. Castro, who had just returned from negotiations in Geneva, reported that the GOC is still discussing its position internally among trade, environment and customs officials, and continues to consider what would be an appropriate list of products for Colombia. He added that the GOC was ready and willing to discuss the issue with the U.S. negotiating team in Geneva. Brownfield